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THE REPLY FILED 4/19/04 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: none.

Claim(s) rejected: 1 and 4.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____.

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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: prior art still render the claims unpatentable and the final rejection is deemed to be proper with respect to applicant's arguments filed 4/19/04. Claim 1, lines 20-21 and claim 4, lines 24-25 do not recite what information stored in the "function address table area" and the "variable address table area." Miyauchi shows a function address table area (e.g., figs. 20-21, LSA table of flash memory 104, which performs a function of storing addresses or table 103 which performs a function of converting addresses; col. 3, lines 45-65; or figs. 6-7 a directory table of flash memory 104a performing a function of storing a starting address A wherein file A has DAT function; col. 8, lines 5-10 and 15-35) and a variable address table area (e.g., figs. 20-21, LSA-PSA table 103 storing relationships LSA and PSA which tends to vary or LSA table of the flash memory 104 storing an address wherein the address or data of the address tends to vary; col. 3, lines 45-65; col. 2, lines 40-50; or figs. 6-7 a directory table of flash memory 104a having variable fields and for storing an address of data which tends to vary; col. 8, lines 25-35; and col. 10, lines 45-60) or Miyauchi shows the address storage area includes a function address table area (e.g., figs. 20-21, a first LSA table of flash memory 104, which performs a function of storing addresses; col. 3, lines 45-65; or figs. 6-7 a directory table of flash memory 104a, which performs a function of storing a starting address A wherein file A has DAT function; col. 8, lines 5-10 and 15-35) and a variable address table area (e.g., figs. 20-21, a second LSA table of flash memory 104, which stores an address wherein the address or data of the address tends to vary; col. 3, lines 45-65; col. 2, lines 40-50; or figs. 6-7 a directory table of flash memory 104a having variable fields and for storing an address of data which tends to vary; col. 8, lines 25-35; and col. 10, lines 45-60) as claimed.

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